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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Agris, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1645

Serial No.: 09/747,467

Filed: December 22, 2000

For: *METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR DETERMINING THE PURITY OF
CHEMICALLY SYNTHESIZED NUCLEIC ACIDS*

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

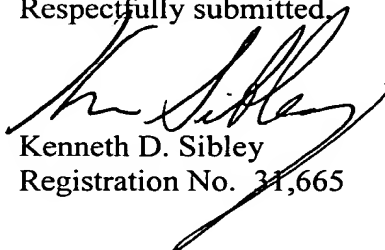
In the claims:

Please cancel claims 33-55, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Remarks

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination and allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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